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TO USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: KURDISH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

REF: GENEVA 8897

KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD

1. THE DEPARTMENT AND INS HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE
EMBASSY AND UNHCR REQUEST TO ASSIGN AN IMMIGRATION SERVICE
OFFICER TO TEHRAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCESSING KURDISH
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REFUGEES FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO THE USA. IT HAS BEEN

DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARY WILL NOT CERTIFY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT A REFUGEE SITUATION EXISTS IN IRAN REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM THERE. INS IS ALSO UNWILLING TO ASSIGN AN OFFICER TO TEHRAN.

2. WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF IRAQI KURDS IN IRAN, THE UNHCR RESETTLEMENT APPEAL COVERS ONLY A SMALL FRACTION (ABOUT 1,400) OF THE TOTAL IRAQI KURDISH POPULATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBERS WHO MIGHT BE RESETTLED IN THE U.S. COULD BE HANDLED WITHIN THE REGULAR CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM THROUGH MOVEMENT TO FRANKFURT OR SOME OTHER CONDITIONAL ENTRY AREA FOR FINAL PROCESSING.

3. FYI - THERE ARE NO PRESENT PROVISIONS FOR FUNDING EITHER THE TRAVEL OF IRAQI KURDS OR ASSISTING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THEIR CARE AND MAINTENANCE. IRAQI KURDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE.

4. WHEN FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS UNDER THE NEW \$25 MILLION REFUGEE EMERGENCY FUND, DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE KURDISH REFUGEES UNDER SECTION 2(B) (2) AND FOR 2(C) OF THE MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ACT.

5. FOLLOWING ARE THE ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL:

A) ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT FORMALLY APPROACHED VOLAGS ON THIS ISSUE, WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR THIS RESETTLEMENT EFFORT. CWS AND IRC WOULD PROBABLY BE PRINCIPAL AGENCIES INVOLVED. USCC MIGHT BE WILLING TO ASSIST AS WELL.

B) WE HAD EXPECTED THAT UNHCR WOULD APPROACH FRG. WE HAVE NOT FORMALLY NOTIFIED OUR EMBASSY IN BONN.

C) UNHCR APPEAL ENVISIONED 880 CASES (1400) PEOPLE) FOR IMMIGRATION TO ALL COUNTRIES. WE HAVE NO DEFINITE NUMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN MIND FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY TO USA. THIS WILL DEPEND ON NUMBER OF INTERESTED, QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND AVAILABILITY OF NUMBERS.

D) INS FRANKFURT MIGHT WISH TO COMMENT ON THE PROBABLE LENGTH OF STAY IN FRANKFURT OR IN OTHER PROCESSING AREA. AS FINANCING IS TENUOUS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT STAY IN FRANKFURT OR OTHER PROCESSING AREA WILL BE AS SHORT AS

POSSIBLE.

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